

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Cox *et al.*

Appl. No. To be Assigned

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For: **Endoluminal Prostheses and
Therapies for Highly Variable
Body Lumens**

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination of the application. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-9, 18-23, 31-44 and 57-59 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

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Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 10-17, 24-30 and 45-56 are pending in the application, with claims 10, 14, 24, 45, 50, and 54 being the independent claims. Claims 1-9, 18-23, 31-44 and 57-59 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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